

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 through 57 as indicated below. Please add new Claim 58 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for an electronic mail delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

display to each ~~respective user of a plurality of users, upon in response to~~ each respective user's respective request, as to ~~each the respective~~ particular parcel ~~to be shipped by the particular user, and a simultaneous~~ identification of each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide electronic mail delivery notification for shipping the respective particular parcel, wherein each user ~~accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

recognize as a respective user request for an electronic mail delivery notification service for a respective particular parcel that is to be shipped, a user input by one particular respective user [from]of the plurality of users of a selection of an electronic mail delivery notification indicator.

3. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 2, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

store in a database, a record corresponding to the particular respective user and to the particular respective parcel, said record comprising information about the respective user request for electronic mail delivery notification.

4. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 3, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

~~calculate~~for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that provide electronic mail delivery notification, calculate a[n] respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge for delivering the particular respective parcel, said respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge calculated according to a set ofat least one electronic mail delivery notification rule[s] for ~~each particulara~~ respective service offered by ~~each particulara~~ respective carrier; and
generate an online display of the calculated respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular respective user client computer device of the particular respective user.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 3, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

generate an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular respective user client computer device of the particular respective user,~~ of an electronic mail delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the particular respective parcel according to a set of electronic mail

delivery notification rules for each particular service offered by each particular carrier.

6. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 3, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:
generate an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user, of a shipping rate ~~for shipping the particular parcel~~ for each particular service offered by each particular carrier to ship the particular respective parcel, wherein the displayed shipping rate includes an electronic mail delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the particular respective parcel according to a set of electronic mail delivery notification rules for the particular service offered by the particular carrier.

7. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for an electronic mail delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

identify to each respective user of [a]the plurality of users, upon each respective user's request, as to each respective particular parcel to be shipped by the ~~particular~~ respective user, a respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge by each respective carrier that supports electronic mail delivery notification for electronic mail delivery notification for the respective particular package parcel to be shipped by the ~~particular~~ respective user, ~~wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a~~

~~client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

~~calculate for each service of a plurality of services offered by each carrier of a plurality of carriers that offer a plurality of service options, calculate a total service option charge for shipping a particular parcel according to a set of service option pricing rules for each service for each carrier, and according to a selection by a particular user from of a plurality of users, said selection comprising an input by the particular user of an indication of at least one service option of the plurality of service options, wherein each respective particular user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to is adapted for communication with the global communications network.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 8, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

generate an online display₁ to a display monitor configured with a particular respective user client computer device of the particular user, of the total service option charge.

10. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for an electronic mail delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping

management computer system over a global communications network using a
respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client
computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications
network; and

displaying to each respective user ~~of a plurality of users, upon in response~~
~~to each respective user's respective request, as to each the respective particular~~
~~parcel to be shipped by the particular user, and a simultaneous~~ identification of
each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide electronic mail delivery
notification for shipping the respective particular parcel, ~~wherein each user~~
~~accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a~~
~~client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an~~
~~individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 10, said method further
comprising:

recognizing as a respective user request for an electronic mail delivery
notification service for a respective particular parcel that is to be shipped, a user
input by one particular respective user [from] of the plurality of users of a selection
of an electronic mail delivery notification indicator.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, said method further
comprising:

storing in a database, a record corresponding to the particular respective
user and to the particular respective parcel, said record comprising information
about the respective user request for electronic mail delivery notification.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, said method further
comprising:

~~calculating for each~~ respective service of a plurality of services offered by
each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that provide electronic mail
delivery notification, calculating a[n] respective electronic mail delivery

notification service charge for delivering the particular respective parcel, said respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge calculated according to ~~a set of~~ at least one electronic mail delivery notification rule[s] for ~~each particular~~ respective service offered by ~~each particular~~ respective carrier; and

generating an online display of the calculated respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, said method further comprising:

generating an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user, of an electronic mail delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the particular respective parcel according to a set of electronic mail delivery notification rules for each particular service offered by each particular carrier.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, said method further comprising:

generating an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user, of a shipping rate ~~for shipping the particular parcel~~ for each particular service offered by each particular carrier to ship the particular respective parcel, wherein the displayed shipping rate includes an electronic mail delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the particular respective parcel according to a set of electronic mail delivery notification rules for the particular service offered by the particular carrier.

16. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers,

wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for an electronic mail delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

identifying to each respective user of [a]the plurality of users, upon each respective user's request, as to each respective particular parcel to be shipped by the particularrespective user, a respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge by each respective carrier that supports electronic mail delivery notification for electronic mail delivery notification for the respective particular packageparcel to be shipped by the particularrespective user, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

17. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

calculating for each service of a plurality of services offered by each carrier of a plurality of carriers that offer a plurality of service options, calculating a total service option charge for shipping a particular parcel according to a set of service option pricing rules for each service for each carrier, and according to a selection by a particular user from a plurality of users, said selection comprising an input by the particular user of an indication of at least one service option of the plurality of service options, wherein each respective particular user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network

using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device ~~has an individual electronic connection to~~ is adapted for communication with the global communications network.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 17, said method further comprising:

generating an online display, to a display monitor configured with a particular respective user client computer device of the particular user, of the total service option charge.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for an electronic mail delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

a set of program instructions for displaying to each respective user of a plurality of users, upon in response to each respective user's respective request, as to each the respective particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user, and a simultaneous identification of each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide electronic mail delivery notification for shipping the respective particular parcel, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 19, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for recognizing as a respective user request for an electronic mail delivery notification service for a respective particular parcel that is to be shipped, a user input by one particular respective user [from]of the plurality of users of a selection of an electronic mail delivery notification indicator.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 20, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for storing in a database, a record corresponding to the particular respective user and to the particular respective parcel, said record comprising information about the respective user request for electronic mail delivery notification.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 21, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for calculating, for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that provide electronic mail delivery notification, a[n] respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge for delivering the particular respective parcel, said respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge calculated according to a set of at least one electronic mail delivery notification rule[s] for each-particular a respective service offered by each-particular a respective carrier; and

a set of program instructions for generating an online display of the calculated respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge to a display monitor configured with the particular-respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~-respective user.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 21, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for generating an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~-respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~-respective user, of an electronic mail delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the particular respective parcel according to a set of electronic mail delivery notification rules for each particular service offered by each particular carrier.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 21, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for generating an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~-respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~-respective user, of a shipping rate ~~for shipping the particular parcel~~ for each particular service offered by each particular carrier to ship the particular respective parcel, wherein the displayed shipping rate includes an electronic mail delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the particular respective parcel according to a set of electronic mail delivery notification rules for the particular service offered by the particular carrier.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for an electronic mail delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

a set of program instructions for identifying to each respective user of [a]the plurality of users, upon each respective user's request, as to each

respective particular parcel to be shipped by the ~~particular~~respective user, a respective electronic mail delivery notification service charge by each respective carrier that supports ~~electronic mail delivery notification~~ for electronic mail delivery notification for the respective particular package/parcel to be shipped by the ~~particular~~respective user, ~~wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

26. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for calculating₁ for each service of a plurality of services offered by each carrier of a plurality of carriers that offer a plurality of service options, a total service option charge for shipping a particular parcel according to a set of service option pricing rules for each service for each carrier, and according to a selection by a particular user from a plurality of users, said selection comprising an input by the particular user of an indication of at least one service option of the plurality of service options, wherein each respective particular user of the plurality of users accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device ~~has an individual electronic connection to~~is adapted for communication with the global communications network.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 26, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for generating an online display₁ to a display monitor configured with a particular respective user client computer device of the particular user, of the total service option charge.

28. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for a verbal delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

display to each ~~respective user of a plurality of users, upon~~ in response to each respective user's respective request, as to ~~each the respective~~ particular parcel ~~to be shipped by the particular user, and a simultaneous~~ identification of each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide verbal delivery notification for shipping the respective particular parcel, ~~wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

29. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 28, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

recognize as a respective user request for a verbal notification service for a respective particular parcel that is to be shipped, a user input by one particular respective user [from]of the plurality of users of a selection of a verbal delivery notification indicator.

30. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 29, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

store in a database, a record corresponding to the particular respective user and to the respective particular parcel, said record comprising information

about the respective user request for verbal delivery notification.

31. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim [32]30, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

~~calculate~~ for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that provide verbal delivery notification, calculate a respective verbal delivery notification service charge for delivering the respective particular parcel, said respective verbal delivery notification service charge calculated according to ~~a set of~~ at least one verbal delivery notification rule[s] for ~~each particular a~~ respective service offered by ~~each particular a~~ respective carrier; and

generate an online display of the calculated respective verbal delivery notification service charge to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user.

[33]32. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim [32]30, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

generate an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user, of an verbal delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the respective particular parcel according to a set of verbal delivery notification rules for each particular service offered by each particular carrier.

[34]33. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim [33]30, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:

generate an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user, of a shipping rate ~~for shipping the particular parcel~~ for each particular service

offered by each particular carrier to ship the respective particular parcel, wherein the displayed shipping rate includes a verbal delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the respective particular parcel according to a set of verbal delivery notification rules for the particular service offered by the particular carrier.

[35]34. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for a verbal delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

identify to each respective user of [a]the plurality of users, upon each respective user's request, as to each respective particular parcel to be shipped by the ~~particular~~respective user, a respective verbal delivery notification service charge by each respective carrier that supports ~~electronic mail delivery notification for verbal delivery notification~~ for the respective particular package~~parcel~~ to be shipped by the ~~particular~~respective user, ~~wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[36]35. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective

request for a verbal delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

displaying to each respective user ~~of a plurality of users, upon in response to each respective user's respective request, as to each the respective~~ particular parcel ~~to be shipped by the particular user, and a simultaneous~~ identification of each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide verbal delivery notification for shipping the respective particular parcel, ~~wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[37]36. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [36]35, said method further comprising:

recognizing as a respective user request for a verbal notification service for a respective particular parcel that is to be shipped, a user input by one particular respective user [from]of the plurality of users of a selection of a verbal delivery notification indicator.

[38]37. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [37]36, said method further comprising:

storing in a database, a record corresponding to the particular respective user and to the respective particular parcel, said record comprising information about the respective user request for verbal delivery notification.

[39]38. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [38]37, said method further comprising:

~~calculating~~ for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that provide verbal delivery notification, ~~calculating a~~ respective verbal delivery notification service charge for ~~delivering the~~ respective particular parcel, ~~said~~ respective verbal delivery notification service charge calculated according to ~~a set of~~ at least one verbal delivery notification rule[s] for ~~each particular~~ a respective service offered by each ~~particular~~ a respective carrier; and

generating an online display of the calculated respective verbal delivery notification service charge to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user.

[40]39. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [39]38, said method further comprising:

generating an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user, of an verbal delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the respective particular parcel according to a set of verbal delivery notification rules for each particular service offered by each particular carrier.

[41]40. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [38]37, said method further comprising:

generating an online display, to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular~~ respective user client computer device of the ~~particular~~ respective user, of a shipping rate ~~for shipping the particular parcel~~ for each particular service offered by each particular carrier to ship the respective particular parcel, wherein the displayed shipping rate includes a verbal delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the respective particular parcel according to a set of verbal delivery notification rules for the particular service offered by the particular carrier.

[42]41. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing

shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for a verbal delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

identifying to each respective user of [a]the plurality of users, upon each respective user's request, as to each respective particular parcel to be shipped by the ~~particular~~respective user, a respective verbal delivery notification service charge by each respective carrier that supports ~~electronic mail delivery notification for verbal delivery notification for the~~ respective particular package~~parcel~~ to be shipped by the ~~particular~~respective user, ~~wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[43]42. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for a verbal delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

a set of program instructions for displaying to each respective user of a plurality of users, ~~upon in response to each respective user's respective request,~~ as to each the respective particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user, ~~and a simultaneous identification of each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide verbal delivery notification for shipping the respective particular parcel,~~ wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

[44]43. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim [43]42, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for recognizing as a respective user request for a verbal notification service for a respective particular parcel that is to be shipped, a user input by one particular respective user [from]of the plurality of users of a selection of a verbal delivery notification indicator.

[45]44. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim [44]43, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for storing in a database, a record corresponding to the particular respective user and to the respective particular parcel, said record comprising information about the respective user request for verbal delivery notification.

[46]45. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim [45]44, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for calculating, for each respective service of a plurality of services offered by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that provide verbal delivery notification, a respective verbal delivery notification service charge for delivering the respective particular parcel, said respective verbal delivery notification service charge calculated according to a set of at least

one verbal delivery notification rule[s] for ~~each-particular~~ respective service offered by ~~each-particular~~ respective carrier; and

a set of program instructions for generating an online display of the calculated respective verbal delivery notification service charge to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular-respective~~ user client computer device of the ~~particular-respective~~ user.

[47]~~46~~. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim ~~[46]~~45, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for generating an online display₁ to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular-respective~~ user client computer device of the ~~particular-respective~~ user, of an verbal delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the respective particular parcel according to a set of verbal delivery notification rules for each particular service offered by each particular carrier.

[48]~~47~~. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim ~~[47]~~46, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for generating an online display₁ to a display monitor configured with the ~~particular-respective~~ user client computer device of the ~~particular-respective~~ user, of a shipping rate ~~for shipping the particular parcel~~ for each particular service offered by each particular carrier to ship the respective particular parcel, wherein the displayed shipping rate includes a verbal delivery notification service charge associated with the shipping of the respective particular parcel according to a set of verbal delivery notification rules for the particular service offered by the particular carrier.

[49]~~48~~. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for a verbal delivery notification service for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

a set of program instructions for identifying to each respective user of [a]the plurality of users, upon each respective user's request, as to each respective particular parcel to be shipped by the particularrespective user, a respective verbal delivery notification service charge by each respective carrier that supports ~~electronic mail delivery notification~~ for verbal delivery notification for the respective particular ~~package~~parcel to be shipped by the particularrespective user, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

[50]49. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

display to each respective userof a plurality of users, upon in response to each respective user's respective request, as to each the respective particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user, and a simultaneous identification of

~~each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide [a]the plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping the respective particular parcel, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[51]50. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

receive from at least one respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

~~calculate, upon each request by each of a plurality of users, as to each particular parcel to be shipped by a particular user, a carrier-specific delivery notification service charge by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers for each delivery notification service option requested by the respective user that the particular each respective carrier supports for delivery of the respective particular parcel package to be shipped by the particular user, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[52]51. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to:

identify to each respective user of a plurality of users, ~~upon~~ in response to

each respective user's request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a, as to each particular respective parcel to be shipped by the particular user, a service charge by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers for each delivery notification service option requested by the respective user that the particular respective carrier supports for delivery of the particular respective parcel~~package to be shipped by the particular user~~, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication via ~~has an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

[53]52. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

displaying to each respective user of a plurality of users, ~~upon in response to each respective user's request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a, as to each particular respective parcel to be shipped by the particular user, a[n]~~ simultaneous identification of each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide a plurality of the delivery notification service options requested by the respective user for shipping the respective parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication via ~~has an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

[54]53. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the

method comprising:

receiving from at least one respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

~~calculating, upon each request by each of a plurality of users, as to each particular parcel to be shipped by a particular user, a carrier-specific delivery notification service charge by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers for each delivery notification service option requested by the respective user that the particular each respective carrier supports for delivery of the respective particular parcel package to be shipped by the particular user, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[55]54. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said computer system comprises at least one computer device, the method comprising:

identifying to each respective user of a plurality of users, ~~upon-in~~ response to each respective user's request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a; ~~as to each particular~~ respective parcel to be shipped by the particular user, a service charge by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers for each delivery notification service option requested by the respective user that the ~~particular~~ respective carrier supports for delivery of the ~~particular-respective~~ parcel package to be shipped by the particular user, wherein each respective user

accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication via ~~has an individual electronic connection to the~~ global communications network.

[56]55. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for receiving from each respective user of a plurality of users, a respective request for a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

a set of program instructions for displaying to each respective user of a plurality of users, ~~upon in response to each respective user's respective request, as to each the respective particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user, and a simultaneous~~ identification of each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide [a] the plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping the respective particular parcel, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

[57]56. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for receiving from at least one respective

user of a plurality of users, a respective request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a respective particular parcel, wherein each respective user of the plurality of users accesses the shipping management computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication with the global communications network; and

~~a set of program instructions for calculating, upon each request by each of a plurality of users, as to each particular parcel to be shipped by a particular user, a carrier-specific delivery notification service charge by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers for each delivery notification service option requested by the respective user that the particular each respective carrier supports for delivery of the respective particular parcel package to be shipped by the particular user, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user client computer device has an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

[58]57. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for identifying to each respective user of a plurality of users, ~~upon in response to each~~ respective user's request for at least one delivery notification service option of a plurality of delivery notification service options for shipping a, as to each particular respective parcel to be shipped by the particular user, a service charge by each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers for each delivery notification service option requested by the respective user that the particular-respective carrier supports for delivery of the particular respective parcel package to be shipped by the particular user, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications

network using a respective client computer device, and wherein each respective user client computer device is adapted for communication via ~~has an individual electronic connection to~~ the global communications network.

58. (New) A shipping management computer system that is configured for:
- (A) allowing a user to select, via a notification option selection, an electronic mail delivery notification option to be offered in conjunction with at least one delivery service;
 - (B) receiving said notification option selection from said user;
 - (C) in response to receiving said notification option selection:
 - (1) identifying, from a plurality of carriers, a first carrier that would offer an electronic mail delivery notification service in conjunction with performing said at least one delivery service, and
 - (2) identifying, from said plurality of carriers, a second carrier that would offer an electronic mail delivery notification service in conjunction with performing said at least one delivery service;
 - (D) using a first set of electronic mail delivery notification rules defined by said first carrier to calculate a first service charge that said first carrier would charge for providing an electronic mail delivery notification service in conjunction with performing said at least one delivery service;
 - (E) using a second set of electronic mail delivery notification rules defined by said second carrier to calculate a second service charge that said second carrier would charge for providing an electronic mail delivery notification service in conjunction with performing said at least one delivery service; and
 - (F) simultaneously displaying on a display screen associated with said user:
 - (1) a first shipping charge that said first carrier would charge in conjunction with performing said at least one delivery service, said first shipping charge calculated to include said first service charge, and
 - (2) a second shipping charge that said second carrier would charge in conjunction with performing said at least one delivery service, said second shipping charge calculated to include said second service charge.